

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 078358  
ORIGIN IO-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EA-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 ACDA-12 PM-05  
DODE-00 NSC-05 SIG-03 HA-05 CIAE-00 H-01 INR-10  
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 TRSE-00  
ARA-10 EUR-12 DOE-15 SOE-02 OES-07 /159 R

DRAFTED BY IO/ML:MJACOBS/IO/UNP:DADAMSON  
APPROVED BY IO/ML:PWKRIEBEL  
IO/HR:WHEWITT  
IO/UNA:JTEFFT  
IO/UNP:TNILES  
AF/I:LSHURTLEFF  
EA/RA:LMCNUTT  
ACDA/MA:MCONGDON  
PM/DCA:CMARTHINSEN  
DOD/ISA:EMELANSON  
NSC:RPUTNAM

-----007609 272314Z /62

R 272055Z MAR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 078358

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PORC, UNGA, PINT, KS, KN, MA, US

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 078358

SUBJECT:MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: TALKING POINTS ON  
DISARMAMENT, ETC.

REF: ANTANANARIVO 489

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE HELPFUL REPORT OF DRM  
VIEWS ON THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SELECTED MULTILATERAL

ISSUES. WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HENRI RAZAFINDRATOVO'S STATEMENT THAT SUCCESS IN ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MIGHT DEPEND UPON PRIOR CHOICE OF THE INCUMBENT AND THAT THE SELECTION OF SOMEONE FROM THE THIRD WORLD OR A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, SUCH AS AUSTRIA OR SWITZERLAND, COULD SWING ENOUGH NOTES TO PUT OVER THE MEASURE. AS MADAGASCAR HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN LUKEWARM TO US AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES IN THE UN, AND VOTED AT THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEFERRAL OF THE COSTA RICAN RESOLUTION ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WE WONDER WHETHER DRM IS MORE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA THAN HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPARENT AND WHETHER DRM HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE INCUMBENTS WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRIES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE PROBLEM FACING PROPONENTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER POSITION IS AS SIMPLE AS RAZAFINDRATOVO MAKES IT, BUT FURTHER DRM VIEWS ON THE

SUBJECT WOULD BE WELCOME. CONTRARY TO REFTTEL, US AND WEOS HAVE AS YET NO PREFERENCE AS TO GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF FIRST HIGH COMMISSIONER. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, WE SUGGEST A DISCREET FOLLOW-UP WITH RAZAFINDRATOVO.

2. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS ON US OBJECTIVES AT THE SSOD, FOR USE IN EXCHANGES WITH DRM CONTACTS. SHOULD THE EMBASSY DECIDE TO LEAVE THE TALKING POINTS IN WRITTEN CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 078358

FORM WITH THE DRM, IT SHOULD INDICATE THAT THEY ARE INFORMAL AND NOT INTENDED AS A DEFINITIVE OR COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

3. DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT

-- THE DECLARATION SHOULD BE A BRIEF, RINGING CALL TO ACTION. IT SHOULD CONSIST OF A FACTUAL REVIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION COMPLETE WITH ITS DANGERS. IT SHOULD OUTLINE BROAD GOALS AND PRIORITIES. IT SHOULD ARTICULATE THOSE PRINCIPLES OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON WHICH THERE IS FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT.

4. PROGRAM OF ACTION

-- THERE IS NOW NO AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC APPROACH OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE U.S. BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE A SHORT-TERM PROGRAM (UP TO FIVE YEARS) OF THE MOST URGENT STEPS NECESSARY TO HALT AND THEN REVERSE THE ARMS RACE. THE U.S. DOES NOT BELIEVE SSOD CAN OR SHOULD ATTEMPT DETAILED NEGOTIATION OF SPECIFIC MEASURES.

-- THE U.S. ACCEPTS THE OVERALL PRIORITY OF PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROGRAM MUST ALSO INCLUDE STEPS TO HALT THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, BOTH AMONG THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND TO PREVENT FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

5. MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT

-- THE U.S. BELIEVES CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO IMPROVE MULTILATERAL MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THERE MUST BE A CONTINUING AND EXPERIENCED NEGOTIATING BODY, WITH A LARGELY FIXED MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 078358

MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT STATES. IT MUST OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS.

-- IF THE INTEGRITY OF SUCH A NEGOTIATING BODY IS

UNDERMINED WE BELIEVE THE REAL, SUBSTANTIVE

DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE FORCED OUT INTO LESS REPRESENTATIVE, AD HOC BODIES WHERE TRUE NEGOTIATIONS, INVOLVING COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS, CAN TAKE PLACE.

VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DISARMAMENT, BRIEFING MATERIALS, RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE078358  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** MJACOBS/IO/UNP:DADAMSON  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780133-0526  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780321/aaaaaryo.tel  
**Line Count:** 148  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 08b312bd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 ANTANANARIVO 489  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 25 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3193923  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: TALKING POINTS ON DISARMAMENT, ETC.  
**TAGS:** PORG, PINT, KS, KN, MA, US, UNGA, SSOD  
**To:** ANTANANARIVO  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/08b312bd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014